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"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
II Cor. 6:2

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Longview Hall Academic Center Planned

A 30,400-square-foot multi-purpose classroom and office building will be the next structure erected on the LeTourneau University campus, according to Dr. James E. Stjernstrom, Vice President for University Advancement.

Ground-breaking for the $2 million Longview Hall Academic Center is scheduled for October, 1990 and already $1.2 million has been raised.

The Longview Hall project is a part of the three-year, $5.7 million Capture The Vision capital campaign currently underway. To date more than $5 million has been raised.

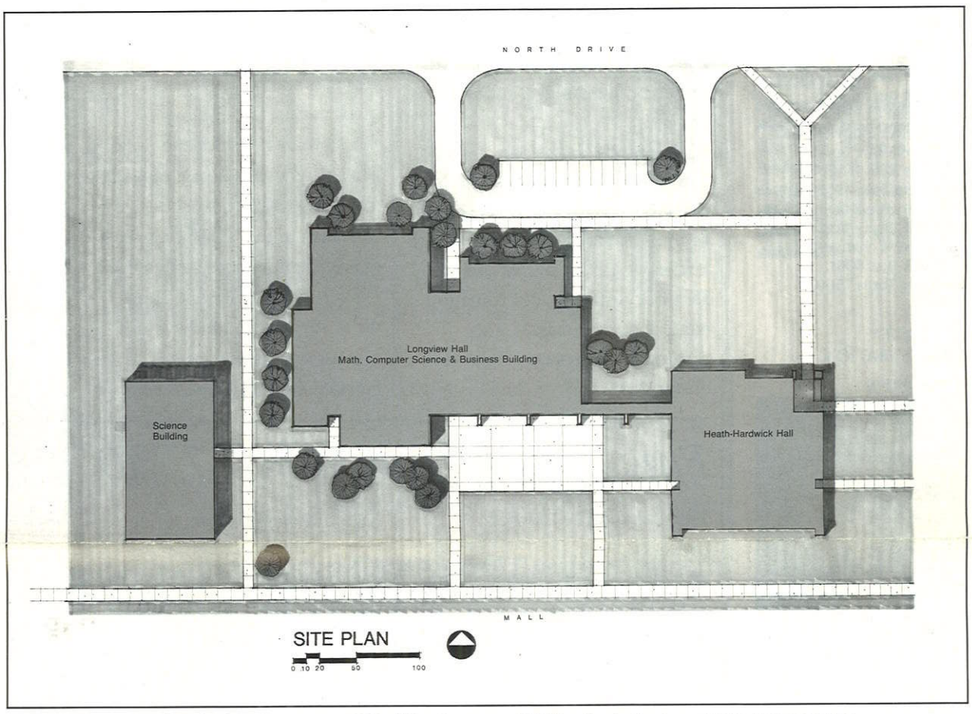
Included is a $200,000 challenge grant from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., $75,000 from the Association of Longview Banks, $15,000 from Marathon LeTourneau Co. and $9,000 from the *Longview News-Journal.*

Funding proposals have been presented to two other Texas foundations and according to Stjernstrom, fund-raising for the building is proceeding according to schedule.

"The Longview Hall Center will serve a critical need on the campus by providing a modern facility to replace several wooden barracks still in use on the campus. Included in the new complex will be the Division of Business Administration, L.E.A.P. Program, Division of Mathematics and Computer Science, Office of Academic Affairs, and Microcomputer Services Dept.," said Stjernstrom.

The one-story Center will be joined to the Heath Hardwick Liberal Arts Center by a covered walkway, and will include eight classrooms, three computer labs, 20 faculty and administrative offices, and an operations center for the University's microcomputer services.

"The Longview Hall Center is a key component of our campus master plan for the 1990's," said Stjernstrom.



This architect's drawing depicts the proposed $2 million Longview Hall Academic Center, middle, that is part of LeTourneau's three-year, $5.7 million Capture The Vision capital campaign. Existing structures shown are the Science Building, left, and Heath Hardwick Liberal Arts Center, right. Ground-breaking ceremonies for Longview Hall are planned for October, 1990. Malloy Associates of Longview are general architects for the project.

Financial Aid Office Restructured

A planned restructuring of the Financial Aid Office at LeTourneau University has resulted in the hiring of one additional staff member, the reassignment of several other personnel, and a consolidation of office space, according to Roger Kieffer, Director of Enrollment Management, and Johnny Williams, Director of Business Affairs.

"The majority of colleges and universities in the U.S. have adopted an enrollment management model which has become increasingly popular over the last decade," said Kieffer.

"Under this model, the administrative areas of admissions, registration and records, and financial aid are typically grouped together.

"There are several advantages to this model," said Kieffer. "First and foremost, our students benefit by having all aspects of the application process under one umbrella. Administratively, it is also a more streamlined approach to the budget process and to staffing and internal communication and record-keeping," he added.

Willard D. Rusk

Sheila Peterson

According to Williams, "These changes are the result of the natural expansion of the financial aid function over the past several years, and the recognition of its proper role in the area of enrollment management."

Sheila Peterson, who has served as Director of Financial Aid since 1974, was named Business Manager effective Jan. 1. She will be responsible for student accounts, government loans to students, student insurance, work study, federal cash and the fiscal aspects of financial aid. Staff support will come from Shelia Stuart, Collections Coordinator.

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Financial Aid (from Page 1)

According to Williams, "Peterson has done an excellent job in maintaining a dual role for a number of years and will now be able to concentrate more on the Business Office side of things."

Peterson will continue to provide some Financial Aid assistance for the next few months as part of a gradual phasing-out process to ensure a smooth transition.

Willard D. (Bill) Rusk is the new Director of Financial Aid and his office is located on the second floor of the Margaret Estes Library and Longview Citizens' Resource Center, in the same building as the Office of Admissions and the Office of Registration and Records.

Rusk joined the staff Jan. 1 and is responsible for disbursement of student financial aid, management of the financial aid staff, providing leadership in the area of financial aid policy-making, coordinating student needs analysis, and serving on appropriate committees.

Staff support for the Office of Financial Aid includes Hester Hayes, Financial Aid Secretary, and Rae Bennett, Financial Aid Counselor.

Rusk has bachelors and masters degrees from Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash. and for the past 20 years was the Financial Aid Director at Whitworth College.

He also has 14 years experience as a YMCA executive in the State of Washington and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was active in many civic and religious organizations and held offices in several, and is also a member of numerous state and national professional associations.

"Bill's years of experience, strong Christian commitment and desire to be of service to students and to Christian higher education are a tremendous asset to LeTourneau University," said Kieffer, "and we're very excited to have him and his staff as part of the enrollment management team."

Fine Arts Festival March 7 - 10

The inaugural LeTourneau University Fine Arts Festival will take place March 7-10, according to Dr. Martin Batts, associate professor of English and festival coordinator.

Assisting Batts is a planning committee composed of Scarlett Morris, Director of Music Groups; Ralph Gilbert, professor of English; Carolyn Fox-Hearne, adjunct instructor in fine arts; Dr. Joy Dennis, associate professor of English; Robin Galiano, yearbook advisor; Bruce Cook, director of university relations; and Carolyn Rester, adjunct instructor of communication.

According to Batts, "The fine arts festival is designed to provide LeTourneau students and residents of Longview and Gregg County with an opportunity to sample different areas of the fine arts over a four-day period. All activities are open to the public and are free of charge."

The Fine Arts Festival begins Wednesday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Assembly Building with performances by the Trinity Singers, LeTourneau Singers, and remarks by Dr. Phil Hook, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Biblical Studies, on the topic, "Christianity and the Fine Arts."

Wednesday evening a faculty-staff Madrigals group will perform in the Cafeteria during the dinner hour.

Thursday, March 8 will see the Kilgore College Choir, conducted by Dale Miller, as featured entertainment during chapel and a showing of the film "Amadeus" from 7-10 p.m. in Room 104 (Lecture Hall) of Heath-Hardwick Liberal Arts Center.

Friday, March 9 will feature the drama group "Verbatim" from Kilgore College during chapel. The group is directed by Raymond Caldwell, artistic director for the Texas Shakespeare Festival. Friday evening the Pine Tree Express will perform at 7 p.m. in Speer Chapel.

Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon there will be a drama workshop in Speer Chapel, a photography workshop in the Heath Hardwick Lecture Hall, and an art workshop in a classroom of Heath Hardwick Hall.

Coordinators for the workshops are Raymond Caldwell, Rusty Williams and Carolyn Fox-Hearne, respectively.

Also throughout the week there will be an art exhibit in the Margaret Estes Library, in the lobby of Heath Hardwick Hall, and on the third floor of the R. G. LeTourneau Memorial and Student Center.

"It is hoped that this will become an annual event on the campus during the spring semester," said Batts. "This year we hope as many people as possible will come out and take advantage of the quality offerings that are available."

L. to r., Terry Zeitlow, Lauren Bitikofer, Dr. Bill Franklin and Dr. Dave Erickson are all smiles after completing graduate degrees in 1989.

Four Earn Graduate Degrees

Four LeTourneau University employees — Lauren G. Bitikofer, David E. Erickson, William H. Franklin and Terry A. Zeitlow — recently completed requirements for graduate degrees.

"We commend these individuals for their efforts at self-improvement, their pursuit of knowledge, and their furtherance of the academic mission of LeTourneau University," said President Alvin O. Austin.

The four were recognized at a faculty-staff Christmas luncheon Dec. 18, and each was presented with a book relating to his subject area by Dr. Austin.

Bitikofer received a Master of Science in Technology Dec. 15 from the University of Texas at Tyler. He is chairman of the Division of Aviation and has been a member of the faculty since 1977 and holds associate and bachelor degrees from LeTourneau University.

Erickson received a Doctorate of Philosophy in Consumer Economics Dec. 16 from Texas Women's University in Denton. Title of his dissertation was "Pre-College Student Attributes as Indicators of Academic and Social Motivation." He is Dean of Student Affairs and joined the staff in 1987. He has a bachelors degree from Central Michigan University and a masters degree from Michigan State University.

Franklin received a Doctorate of Philosophy in Biblical Counseling earlier last year from Trinity Theological Seminary, Evansville, Ind. Title of his dissertation was "Brokenness: The Essential Element in the Healing of Personal Pain." A member of the staff since 1984, he is Associate Dean of Students and has a bachelors degree from Miltonvale Wesleyan College and a masters degree from Northern State University.

Zeitlow was awarded a Master of Science in Health and Physical Education Dec. 15 from the University of Texas at Tyler. He joined the faculty in 1987 and has a bachelors degree from LeTourneau. He serves as Basketball Coach and Men's Residence Director.

Teacher Education Program Set to Begin This Fall

LeTourneau University will offer an expanded curriculum this fall with the addition of a Teacher Certification Program in Secondary Education, according to President Alvin O. Austin.

Students in the program will take approximately 18 hours of professional development courses, including student teaching, in addition to normal requirements for their particular academic major, and upon graduation may apply for recommendation to receive a teaching certificate from the State of Texas.

"There is a definite need for more teachers and for quality teachers with a strong academic background, work ethic and Christian values," said Austin.

"LeTourneau is a natural training ground for this type of individual. Furthermore, this type of program fits the service component of our institutional mission quite well."

Dr. Dan Chrouser is coordinating the development of the Teacher Certification Program and in recent months has been working closely with officials of the Texas Education Agency in the ongoing process of program approval.

"There is a recognized need for additional teachers at the high school level both nationwide and in Texas," said Chrouser.

President's Message

Christian Higher Education in the 1990's

As I write this, I am still caught up in the state of mind that often accompanies the beginning of a new year. This year, I seem to be inflicted with an unusually strong idea of "reflectiveness" and "speculation." Perhaps it is because it is not only a new year, it is a new decade, the decade of the "90's," the last decade of the 20th Century. We are already finding ourselves thinking about and making plans for the 21st Century. John Naisbitt, the popular author who set the tone for the 1980's with his best-selling book, *MEGATRENDS,* has a new book on the market entitled *MEGATRENDS 2000.* Let me share with you some of my speculations about the trends for the 1990's as related to Christian Higher Education and more specifically, the impact on LeTourneau University.

1. There will be increasing pressures on every front to conform to externally determined standards for our academic programs and for our operational practices. The fraud and excesses perpetrated upon us by a small minority of institutions has caused state and federal governments, accrediting bodies, and auditing societies to develop an increasing number of guidelines and standards that impact all of higher education. In many cases these work in our favor for we are committed to quality, integrity, and efficiency in all that we do. In some instances, the guidelines seek to accommodate the most common type of institution and therefore they favor those institutions with the most tax-supported resources, the largest student body and those who have no unique mission or value system. This growing regulatory mentality, while designed to protect the consumer from abuses, can be detrimental to the very essence of the American system of higher education. In seeking compliance with a broader array of standards, one tends to reduce the uniqueness and diversity among the various institutions. The blend between public and private, secular and religious, large and small institutions, has been one of the characteristics that has made American higher education the model for the world. It will be a sad day if all of the creativity and diversity is removed from our higher educational programs and all we end up with is institutions of all one flavor, vanilla.

2. I predict that our educational programs will become increasingly international in their focus. Our world is shrinking very rapidly. Economic concerns cannot be restricted to national borders. Electronic communications systems reach to every corner of the earth. While LeTourneau has always had a good representation of students from around the globe, currently from 24 different nations, there will be increased interest in our programs by international students. Additionally, there will be possibilities for us to offer courses and programs in international settings. In the last few months we have had inquiries from several African nations, Italy, and Malaysia to offer academic programs to selected students within those countries. Our technological strengths will be in great demand in the developing third world nations. We will be limited in our ability to respond to these requests only by our ability to fund such activities as most of these developing nations and groups lack the funds to support their own needs.

Closely related to this internationalization of our efforts, will be the growing concern to meet the needs of the increasingly diverse cultural and ethnic groups within our own nation and region. Within a few short years the majority of the school children enrolled in the public schools of Texas will be of Hispanic extraction. This population and the other minority groups have not been well served by our Christian universities due to cultural, language and finance barriers.

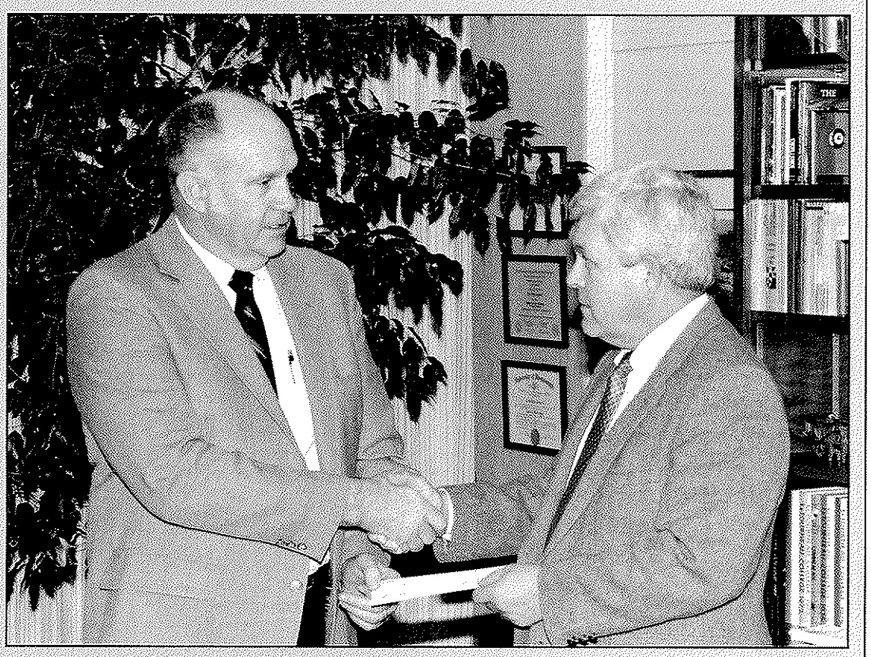
For us to respond to Christ's commands to go into all the world, we must develop strategies and resources to reach out to these diverse students around the world and at our very doorstep.

3. Technological change will continue at an unprecedented pace. The miniaturization of electronic components will result in a whole new generation of computers and communication equipment. This will place additional pressure on LeTourneau and others to continually replace lab equipment in order to maintain state-of-the-art teaching processes.

4. There will be a significant enhancement of citizen concern over the wellbeing of our environment. Concern over environmental factors will create the need for new academic programs to train people for unique job specialties in the environmental control arena. While a university campus is a relatively "clean" industry, environmental controls will significantly increase the cost of operations as utility costs will rise. Products such as paint and air conditioning freon will be replaced with more costly, less toxic alternatives. Food products will cost more. Waste disposal will become more costly. In general, the cost of doing business will increase significantly at a time when it seems that students and families cannot be expected to bear much more of the cost of private, Christian education. The challenge will be for LeTourneau to find additional resources to support its efforts.

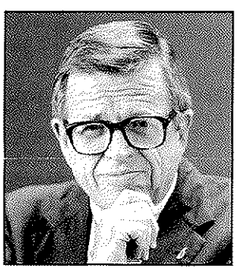
5. There will be a continuing secularization of our culture and with it will be the pressure to make all entities values-neutral in their programs and policies. I could be wrong on this one, and I certainly hope that I am, for there are some glimmers of hope arising within our nation that say that we have gone too far in trying to create an unbiased, amoral society. When leaders like Dr. Ernest Boyer of the Carnegie Foundation, Lee Iacocca and Secretary William Bennett start to make the point that there is no such thing as a values-neutral culture and that values need to come out of the closet and back into the classroom, perhaps there is hope. If this renewed interest in values and ethics does not take hold and impact legislation as well as the basic values systems of our government, businesses, and individual lives, we will find Christian institutions in continual conflict as they seek to maintain their commitment to integrating the Christian faith with learning, their right to select faculty and staff on the basis of a faith commitment, and their right to set standards for the expected Christian lifestyle for their students.

Space does not allow for any more speculations about the 1990's and beyond. There is always some fear of the future unknown and a great deal of discomfort when one doesn't know the answers to some of the problems that we expect to occur. However, there is also an overwhelming sense of optimism that comes over me when I also reflect on the many obstacles that we have overcome in the past. I remember along with the songwriter the fact that "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." As we remain faithful to our God, "He will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory." I am excited about the opportunities that we will have to be a part of Christ's ministry here at LeTourneau University for the 1990's and beyond.



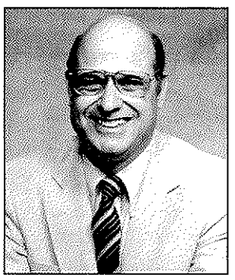
Conoco representative Charles Fox, left, presents a check for $2,000 to President Alvin O. Austin.

LeTourneau Trustee William Stegall of Birmingham, Ala. was the recipient of a 1989 Business and Professional Award by Religious Heritage of America. Trustee Elliott Belcher of Brent, Ala. is a previous award recipient and was Honorary Chairman for the 1989 awards.



Charles W. Colson, founder and chairman of the board of Prison Fellowship International, will deliver the spring commencement address May 5. Colson has authored such recent best-sellers as Born Again, Kingdoms in Conflict and Against the Night.

Omer W. Blodgett, senior design consultant for The Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio will be honored by LeTourneau University by having an Endowed Academic Chair named after him. A group of LeTourneau welding alumni is seeking to raise $700,000 to fund the Omer W. Blodgett Endowed Chair of Welding and Materials Joining Engineering.



Noted author and lecturer Tony Campolo will speak March 1-2 in chapel.

1990 Who's Who List Announced

The 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 20 students from LeTourneau University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus officials and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

More than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations are represented.

Students named this year from LeTourneau University are: Paul Andrew Bradley, Longview; Richard Brian Bringhurst, Berlin, N.J.; Marlin Ray Brubaker, Williamsport, Md.; Rachel Ann Burk, Gilmer, Tex.; Kenneth Warren Daniels, Jr., Waxhaw, N.C.; Albert Fitzgerald Elcock, Media, Pa.; Mark William Franklin, Longview; Martha Ella Genshaw, Elkhart, Ind.; Timothy Alan Graber, Scotch Plains, N.J.; Susan Lynn Gustafson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Christy Michele Henegar, Longview; Rebecca Jane Holladay, Paris, Tex.; Daniel Martin Huegel, Longview; Jeffrey Alan Lawton, Pitman, N.J.; James Arthur Mann, Brooksville, Fla.; Barbara Fern Silveri, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Kevin Bruce Stoddard, Longview; Lara Dennyse Wallace, Griffin, Ga.; Stuart Ray Yoder, Baton Rouge, La.; and Craig Matthew Ziemba, Pensacola, Fla.

Faculty Member Finds Running Relieves Stress

By Paul Welitzkin, Longview News-Journal

The mere thought of running 50 miles or even 50 yards would have shaken Leonard Brenner, assistant professor of engineering technology, nine years ago when he decided to take up jogging.

"I was overweight and just really out of shape then," he confessed. "My fellow workers dragged me into it. I was reluctant at first."

Since then, however, he has competed in several marathons and ran 50 miles on his 50th birthday.

Brenner, 51, noticed a difference in his physical well-being right away. "It certainly helped me to lose weight because I lost about 30 pounds quickly," he said. "I also found that I was more alert late in the afternoon where before I would feel fatigued."

Mentally, Brenner also feels better. "Running is a stress relief for me. I feel that whatever is bothering me has been relieved when I'm done."

What does Brenner think about when he runs?

"If I'm working on a problem, the solutions to that problem will flow through my mind," he said.

Brenner's diet is a reflection of the food consciousness of the '80s. He watches his intake of salt and cholesterol, and before races, he will eat lots of carbohydrates, pasta and the like.

Last fall he was awarded a trophy by the Longview Running Club as Runner of the Year in his age group.

Brenner is a firm believer in some kind of fitness program for everyone. "You have to find something you enjoy," he said. "After that, start out slow and then find some friends who will participate in the same exercise so you are not alone."

That second point is very important, he said. "If there is a day I don't feel like running, I will call a friend to run with. Having a support group will keep you at it."

Another factor that motivates Brenner is his twin brother, Leslie. "He's kind of heavy and has trouble running a short distance. So when I think about quitting, I just look at him," he said with a laugh.

How did Brenner's wife, Alice, react when he told her of his plans for a 50th birthday gift in November, 1988?

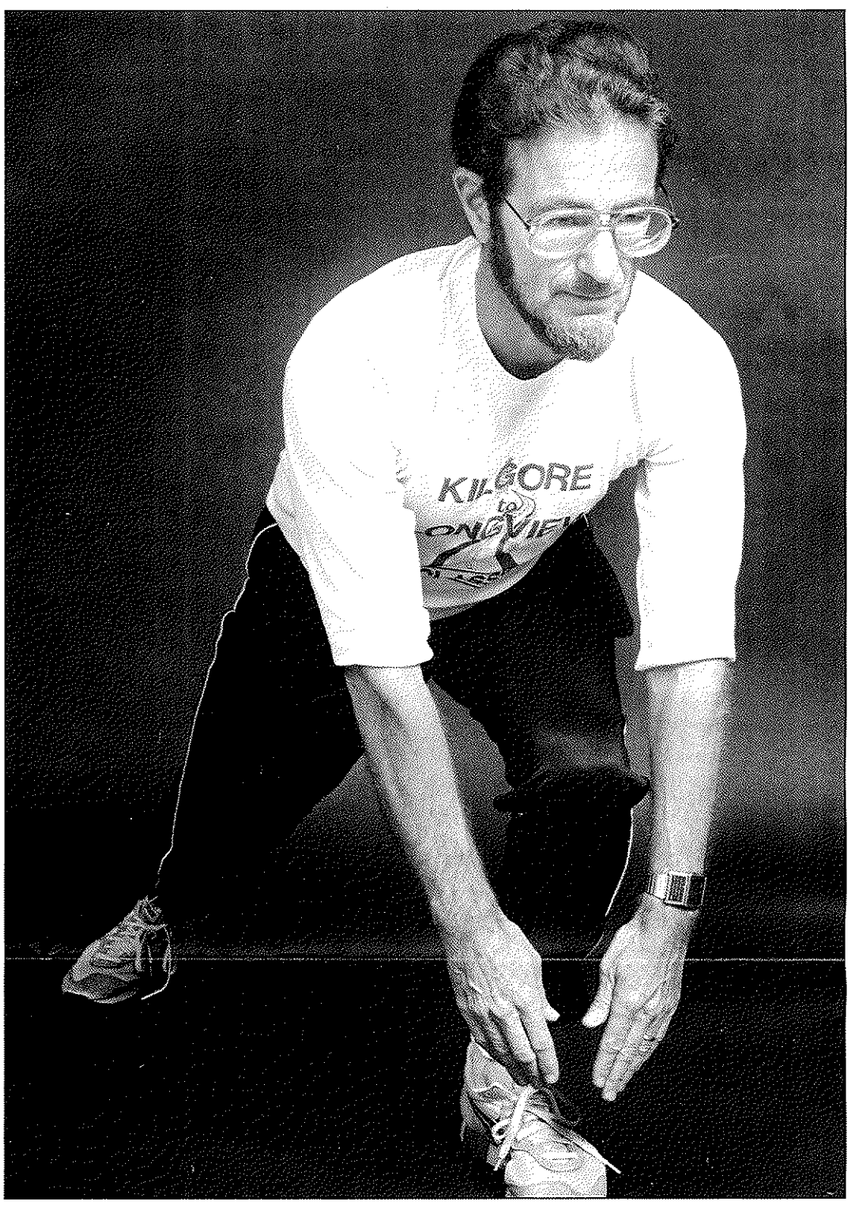
According to Brenner, "She said, 'If you want to do it, go ahead.' I think she was glad she wasn't running the race with me," he added.

"I just had this idea to run 50 miles when I turned 50," he explained. Brenner had previously run in a marathon (26.2 miles) and averaged 50 miles a week in practice. So off he went to Dallas to compete in the Jackson Five-0/100K race around Bachman Lake.

Brenner finished 75th with a time of nine hours, eight minutes and 52 seconds.

It wasn't an easy chore by any stretch of the imagination. "We started at seven in the morning and by the time I woke up I had completed 12 miles," he recalled. "The next 12 went pretty easy." But there was a point when he thought he wouldn't make it.

"Around 28 miles I felt poor but I thought I could do 31," he said. "When I got to 31, I said to myself 'I've run this distance before,' so I thought I would do 40 miles. When I got to 40 I felt stronger and I felt good at the end," he said.



Associate professor of engineering technology Leonard Brenner is an avid runner and has competed in several marathons. (Photo courtesy of the Longview News-Journal)

Brenner actually had to run an extra lap. When he finished his 11th lap, the timer missed it. He complained throughout the race but still had to go the extra time around the lake.

Alice has been supportive of her husband's interest in running all along, according to him. "I think she enjoys going to the races and also enjoys the friends I've made through running," he said.

Brenner ran in the Bossier (La.) Marathon in February and hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon. For that he needs a time of 3:20 or less to qualify.

In his spare time, he collects clocks and is also the sponsor for the Ham Radio Club on campus. He has a law degree in addition to his engineering degrees and is a patent attorney.

Invention and Design Contest April 9-16

The Fifth Annual LeTourneau University Invitational Invention and Design Contest will be held April 9-16, 1990, according to Dr. Russell Primrose, Contest Coordinator.

$2,000 in prize money is being offered again this year. The Contest is sponsored by the LeTourneau University Associates, a group of local business and community leaders who support free enterprise, the entrepreneurial spirit, and private values-centered higher education.

"The Contest is an appropriate forum to encourage area residents, and particularly young people, to find creative solutions to existing problems," said Primrose.

Several divisions are available for students in grades six through college as well as adults. Entrants must live within 100 miles of Longview. All entries are judged on predetermined criteria utilizing a 100-point evaluation system.

Information packets were mailed to area schools in November. Additional packets are available by contacting Mrs. Gerrie Forbis in the Office of Academic Affairs at (214) 753-0231.

Hawaii Native Finds Job, Husband, in Longview

Laura Nelson, Director of Health Services at LeTourneau University, never intended to be a nurse.

A native of Hawaii and the middle child between an older brother and a younger sister, she enrolled at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa after a recruiter visited her high school and offered her a scholarship. She was not a Christian and planned to major in engineering.

But in August, 1981 before she began her freshman year, Nelson visited her cousins in Ohio for a few weeks. "They were Christians and shared with me a pamphlet entitled 'Four Spiritual Laws,'" she said. "After I got to Coe I began thinking about my situation and realized that I was a condemned sinner in need of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. I became a Christian in September, 1981.

"The Lord changed my life and I decided to become a nurse," she continued. "I realized the gifts the Lord gave me were with mercy and exhortation, working one-on-one with people, and I knew as an engineer I wouldn't be doing that.

"I also had an interest in missions, particularly in Spanish-speaking countries," she added.

"I got involved with Navigators and that's when I really grew," she said.

After graduating from Coe in May, 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, Nelson received her Registered Nurse license, returned to Hawaii and began working in the medical profession, eventually ending up at Hilo Hospital, a 250-bed facility.

"Although I had a good job I was struggling because of my desire for missions," said Nelson. "I thought about enrolling in a Bible college to prepare for service as a missionary wife and counseled with my pastor about that," she said.

During this time Nelson became acquainted with a Christian couple who were involved with a prison ministry in nearby Klaau. Cindy, a housewife, and Laura began a friendship and Cindy told Laura about her brother back in Longview, Ira (IM'85).

"She encouraged me to write to him but I didn't do it right away," said Nelson. "Finally she gave me a self-addressed, stamped envelope in November, 1988 and that's when it started."

Laura said she and Ira first talked on the phone Dec. 5, 1988 and corresponded for about eight months.

"I saw that we had a lot in common," said Nelson. "We were both interested in missions, and wellness and had a similar heart for the Lord, and were both in the medical field.

"Ira had also lived in Hawaii for several years when his dad was stationed there with the Coast Guard," said Nelson, "and he had two sisters living there."

This past summer Ira paid for Laura and his two sisters to fly to Longview for a two-week visit.

"We got engaged July 10 and that same day I had an interview with Dave Erickson," said Nelson. "The next day I also met Dave Luckert and Virginia Pitts and then I returned to Hawaii. Two weeks later I got a job offer over the phone and accepted," she said.

Ira Nelson (IM'85) and Laura Miyagi were married Dec. 16 in Speer Chapel.

Ira, employed by the Longview EMS/Fire Dept., and Laura were married Dec. 16 in Speer Chapel on the campus.

Ira enjoys rappelling, scuba diving and running, and Laura likes to run and bicycle and teaches aerobics three times a week to married student wives.

"I used to think being a Christian meant I was supposed to suffer," said Nelson, with a smile that brightened the room, "but now I'm discovering that God had a plan for me."

A map of Mexico shows the three areas where 120 LeTourneau University students and faculty will spend their spring break. L. to r. are Senate Officers Paul Bradley, Ken Daniels, Craig Ziemba and Richard Bringhurst.

Roger Kieffer, Director of Enrollment Management, completed the seven-month Leadership Longview orientation and training program Feb. 15. The program, begun in 1980, is sponsored by and administered through the Longview Chamber of Commerce. Other LeTourneau employees who are graduates of Leadership Longview include Bruce Cook, Gerrie Forbis, Steve Gatton and Dr. Russell Primrose.

Dr. Lawson Younger, assistant professor of Biblical Studies, recently completed a book which will published this spring by Sheffield Press.

Spring Break Mission Trip Set March 16-25

The LeTourneau University Student Senate is sponsoring a spring break missions trip to Mexico March 16-25, 1990. According to Senate President Paul Bradley, plans call for approximately 120 students, faculty and staff to participate. Three cities have been targeted, including Monterrey, Los Felix and Aguascalientes. The three teams will each have specific tasks. In Monterrey the group will build a new church and add a second floor to an existing sanctuary. In Los Felix the team will pour a roof for a local church building. And in Aguascalientes, evangelism will be the primary activity.

"It is clear to me that this will be one of the most exciting, challenging and life-changing experiences made available to LeTourneau University students," said Dan Huegel of Longview, a senior aviation technology major and one of the organizers for the trip. Huegel grew up in Mexico and led a spring break missions trip to Monterrey in 1989.

Thoughts For The '90's

By John Galiano
Director of Alumni Relations

"As we begin this new decade of the 1990's, my prayer is that God will use you and me as never before to accomplish His plans; that our love for each other will grow as God's love grows ever stronger within us; and that we will trust Christ for each day's problems as we trusted Him to save us, living in vital union with Him; and that we continue to be a workable instrument in God's hands.

The Faculty and Staff of LeTourneau University are dedicated to being God's instrument in training and sending out men and women who will serve God in all that they do. And You are a vital part of this ministry.

LeTourneau University is having an impact in our world for Christ through her Alumni as they go out into the marketplace sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ!

Let me share three areas important to LeTourneau's growth and development. First and foremost is Prayer. Second is recruitment, introducing others to the ministry of LeTourneau University. And third is your support personally, financially as God leads, and in being instrumental to help obtain much needed equipment gifts for the various areas of the campus. Each one of us can do something to help LeTourneau University accomplish its purposes.

My prayers are with you and your families. Colossians 2:1-10 expresses my thoughts for you. May God Richly Bless You!"

Alumnus Earns Engineering Degree After 28 Years

Doug Redman is nothing if not persistent. His tenacity finally paid off Dec. 15 as he, along with 45 other graduating seniors, received their diplomas from LeTourneau University. But Redman took longer than the traditional four years to finish his degree. In fact, he first enrolled at LeTourneau in 1961. Twenty-eight years later he completed what he started.

"An old couple in my church back in Virginia received the *Now*," said Redman. "When they showed it to me, I was hooked. I was 20 years old at the time and was working in a shipyard in Newport News. I said, 'This is my kind of place.'"

Redman enrolled for the fall semester but soon ran into financial and academic problems. "I didn't have much money and had to sell my car," he recalled. "I was also confronted with a rigorous academic discipline.

"Dad's health wasn't what it should have been," he added, "and so I went back home. Shortly after that he died and I got my draft notice." Redman spent five-and-a-half years with the U.S. Marine Corps (1963-69) and was in basic training when the Gulf of Tonkin incident occurred.

In late 1968 he had a near-fatal motorcycle accident and said he was brought to a local hospital D.O.A. He said the Lord alone healed him. In 1969 he was given a medical discharge from the Marines because tests indicated he was epileptic.

Redman said in the early 1970's he became more involved in church work and in 1973 was asked to serve as Youth Minister at his congregation. About that time he was also becoming interested in a young lady from Lititz, Pa.

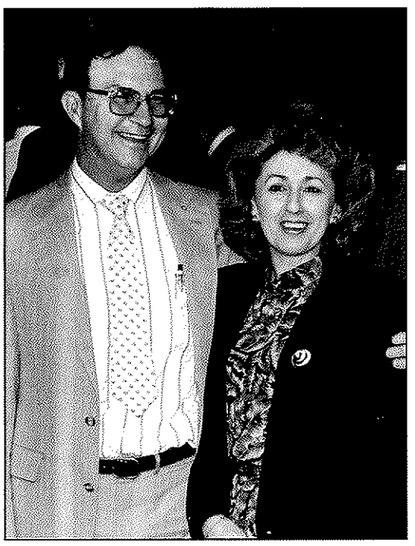
Susan, a 1967 graduate of Washington Bible College, Washington, D.C., was working for an organization called Bible Club Movement and had spent two years in Sweden as an entertainer and evangelist.

"She came to our church for New Year's Eve services for several years consecutively and I decided to become acquainted," recalled Doug. Redman commuted between Pennsylvania and Virginia by flying. "I had a pilot's license by then," he said. "That's how we had our dates."

In 1974 Doug and Susan were married, and Doug became youth minister at Denbigh Baptist Church, Newport News, Va. In 1976 he decided he needed to finish his education in order to have an effective ministry. So he and Susan moved to Washington, where he attended Washington Bible College during 1976-77. "There were Bible courses I needed to take that weren't offered at most schools," he said.

In 1977 Doug and Susan moved to Longview where Doug enrolled again at LeTourneau and Susan worked full-time for Mel and Norma Gabler in their textbook review business. "I was able to do very well in most of my classes," said Doug. One class that gave him trouble was chemistry.

Sue recalled that Dr. Richard Johnson, Doug's chemistry teacher, had them over for lunch once and gave Doug a supplemental text that helped him better understand the subject. "We prayed him through chemistry," said Susan.



Doug and Sue Redman of Surry, Va. are all smiles following Doug's graduation from LeTourneau University December 15 after 28 years.

During Doug's senior year he developed a blood disorder which required a period of hospitalization. He was taking a heavy course load and was forced to drop two courses.

"I recovered my strength and finished the semester but left school in 1981 thinking I would make up the two classes and get my degree in the near future," said Doug.

But time dragged on and due to job conflicts and scheduling problems at local universities, he was unable to complete the Strength of Materials and Fluid Mechanics courses until May, 1989. He immediately applied for his degree at LeTourneau but missed the deadline and had to wait until December to get his degree.

During the last several years he has worked as an engineer and plans now to take his E.I.T. exam in April and to sit for professional engineering licensure in October. He is currently a Project Engineer with Rickmond Engineering, Inc. in Williamsburg, Va. They are among the largest environmental engineering companies on the East Coast and he is in charge of wastewater systems.

Susan is an administrative assistant at the Surry Nuclear Power Plant. They attend Bacon's Castle Baptist Church which is named for revolutionary patriot Nathaniel Bacon. Doug is the choir director and was a member of the "Barbecue Bandits" music group while at LeTourneau, playing guitar and string bass.

He and Susan live in a log house in Surry that they built mostly by themselves with a little contract help. "We're right across the river from Jamestown," said Sue, "which was established in 1607. In fact, there's history all around us."

And that suits Doug Redman just fine, since he has been a Civil War history afficianado for 25 years — almost as long as he has been a student at LeTourneau.

"A Universe of Memories" Theme for Alumni Homecoming April 6 - 8

According to John Galiano, Director of Alumni Relations, this year's Alumni Homecoming will be one of the biggest in recent years.

"A Universe of Memories" is the theme for Homecoming 1990, scheduled for the weekend of April 6-8.

Galiano is coordinating plans for Homecoming with the Office of Student Affairs, Office of Admissions, and Atletic Department.

Activities will get underway Friday, April 6 with a Homecoming Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Later that morning campus and classroom visits are scheduled at 11:30, followed by lunch at 12 noon. At 3:30 p.m. a tour will be offered of the LeTourneau flight center at the Gregg County Airport. Dinner with students will be at 5 p.m., and registration will open at 6 p.m., with the Hootenanny Variety Show closing the day at 8 p.m.

On Saturday registration continues beginning at 8 a.m., followed by an alumni breakfast with faculty and staff at 8:30. Presentation of annual alumni awards is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., with the annual society rope pull set for 10 a.m. A tour of the Flight Center at Gregg County Airport will be offered at 10:30, with a barbecue scheduled for 12 noon in the R. G. LeTourneau Memorial Park area.

A campus open house is planned for 1:30 p.m., followed by an alumni baseball game at 3:00. The annual Alumni Banquet with faculty and staff is at 6 p.m., ending with the Hootenanny Variety Show at 8 p.m.

On Sunday there will be a breakfast at 8 a.m. and a worship service at 9 a.m.

"We encourage all alumni to come and be a part of this special Homecoming weekend," said Galiano. "There have been a number of changes in the physical appearance of the campus in recent years and those who have not been here is a while may be surprised at the improvements."

"This will be a good time to catch up on what has been going on with old friends and teachers" he added, "and to hear first-hand from President Austin the new plans that are being made for the future.

"It's a weekend you won't want to miss," he concluded.

Reservations are being accepted through March 16 and may be made by calling Mrs. Kendall Harper at (214) 753-0231, Ext. 333.

HOMECOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 6

10:30 a.m.	Homecoming Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Campus and classroom visits
12:00 noon	Lunch
3:30 p.m.	Tour - Flight Center, Gregg County Airport
5:00 p.m.	Dinner with students
6:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 p.m.	Hootenanny Variety Show

Saturday, April 7

8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Presentation of Alumni Awards
10:00 a.m.	Society Rope Pull
10:30 a.m.	Tour - Flight Center, Gregg County Airport
12:00 noon	Barbecue - R.G. LeTourneau Memorial Park
1:30 p.m.	Campus Open House
3:00 p.m.	Alumni Baseball game
6:00 p.m.	Annual Alumni Banquet
8:00 p.m.	Hootenanny Variety Show

Sunday, April 8

8:00 a.m.	Banquet
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service

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IN MEMORY

70's

DUSTY STRAYER (WT '77) died October 10, 1989. Dusty had been ill for several years with a rare form of cancer.

BABIES

80's

DAVE (BI '80) and CATHY LUCKERT are delighted to have a new daughter. Her name is Catherine Danae and she was born on January 10, 1990. The Luckert's also have a 3 yr. old son, Benjamin.

JOHN (WT '81) and ALLYSON KINARD were thrilled to announce the arrival of Jay Dylan on October 7, 1989. He weighed 8 lbs. 9ozs. The Kinards are currently living in Buenos Aire, Argentina where John oversee's the manufacture of hydroelectric power equipment for Voith.

Congratulations go out to PAUL (EE '82) and ERMINE SCHUFELDT on the arrival of Paul Stephen. He was born November 9, 1989 and weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs.

WEDDING BELLS

80's

DAVE FYOCK (AT '83) married HILDA LOUTHAIN on December 22, 1989. Dave is a flight instructor at LeTourneau University and Hilda is the Director of Educational Media Services there. They were married at Alliance Bible Church in Longview, Texas.

Wedding bells rang for IRA NELSON (IM '85) and LAURA MIYAGI on December 16, 1989. Speer Chapel on the LeTourneau campus was the sight for the wedding. Laura is the campus nurse and Ira works for the Longview EMS/Fire Department.

G. ROBERT ALLEN (WE '85) and JOANNA L. FOX tied the knot on September 30, 1989 in Salem, Indiana. Joanna is a registered occupational therapist and Robert is an engineer for ICM/Krebsoge. Congratulations.

We received a beautiful wedding invitation from JAMES H. BRAKE (BU/DT '86) and MARJORIE S. DANIELSON. Their marriage took place in Trumbull, Connecticut on October 7, 1989.

Congratulations to NITANT CHAKRANARAYAN (CST '86) and his bride, MADHUMEETA HAMILTON. They returned to India for the wedding on January 11, 1989. Nitant completed his MS degree and is currently working for Southwest Network Services in Austin.

CAROL ANN SVENSSON (BU '86) was married to ROSS FRUIN on December 2, 1989. The Fruin's have made their home in Huntley, Illinois. Carol is currently working for Businessland.

VALERIE KORTH (BU '87) and ROBERT H. PALMER (MT/DT '88) were married on November 24, 1989. They are living in Mesa, Arizona where Robert works for Motorola.

TONY HARDMAN (MT '89) and JENNIFER PRIMROSE (BU '89) were married on January 6, 1990. They will reside in Danbury, Connecticut.

CAREER NEWS

70'S

ROBERT E. PETERSON (AT '78) and wife BRENDA are now residing in Wheaton, Illinois. Robert is a manager in the Chicago Office of Andersen Consulting and Brenda is a RN with Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center.

80's

JIM (BU/AT '80) and GLENDA HOOKER have been appointed as missionaries to the Nordic Bible Institute in Sweden serving through Greater Europe Missions. Jim will serve as the Business Manager at NBI. Currently Jim works for the Best Lock Corporation in Georgia. Jim, Glenda and daughter Jacquelyn are busy training and raising support.

JAMIE (BU '86) and MURIELLE 'Vernaud' (EE '87) FRIEDMAN have moved to France. They asked us to print their new address so you could all write to them. It is: 3 Rue Jean Jaures 91220, Bretigny Sur Orges, FRANCE. Murielle is a Software Engineer with the Ericsson company and Jamie recently received his master's degree in International Management. Both Jamie and Murielle have family in France and they are excited to call France 'home'.

TERRY ZEITLOW (BI '87) received a Master of Science in Health and Physical Education on December 15, 1989 from the University of Texas at Tyler. He currently serves as Basketball Coach and Men's Residence Director at LeTourneau University.

LAUREN BITIKOFER (AT '88) now has a Master of Science in Technology from the University of Texas at Tyler. Lauren is the Chairman of Aviation at LeTourneau University.

MISSIONS

60's

CORK (ET '64) and JOAN ('65) LOKEN report from Liberia on their work with ELWA radio. Many people are hearing the Good News due to their efforts.

BYRON (BI/MI '69) and LINDA MYERS are home on furlough from Venezuela for a year. Their home base is in Creighton, Nebraska.

70's

JOHN (MI '70) and JOY SANDEFUR who work in Australia are spending a year in Melbourne. John is studying for a graduate diploma in Theology at Ridley College and Joy is drafting a thesis for an MA in Missiology.

TIM (BI '71) and FAITH BRENNAN are working with the Brazilian Nationals and the Kaingang Indians in Brazil. They sent us a prayer card with a picture of their family on it. Please remember all our missionaries in your prayers.

RICK (BI/MI '75) and CAROL McARTHUR wrote to us from Guatemala concerning their work with Wycliffe. They have two beautiful children, Yvonne and Jeffrey, and are expecting another child in a few months.

DARREL (MT '75) and CHERYL EPPLER send their greetings from the Philippines. Darrel has been busy traveling as he serves on the JAARS Board. Cheryl continues to teach Sunday School and disciple several women.

In April MARK (MT/AT '78) and CHERYL (MA '80) SJOBLOM will complete their training with JAARS. They will then begin working at the JAARS Center in North Carolina.

RHONDA ROTH (MDT '79) was a part of a short-term medical group to Ecuador recently. The group was sponsored by The Christian Medical & Dental Society. Rhonda is a nurse living in Colorado.

80's

TOM (ET '80) and TERRY VAN GORKOM request your prayers as they continue to work in Bogota, Colombia where the government is taking strong action against groups involved in drug trafficking.

JIM (AT '80) and JUDY McCABE are planning to be in language school in Belgium this month. They are working toward a position in Cameroon with Wycliffe.

MIKE (AT '81) and NANCY MAHON have joined South America Mission. They will be serviing with SAM in Peru.

JERRY (MI/AT '82) and GINA KRAUSE were mentioned in the Longview News Journal not long ago. They had played host to a local student, Kim Earnhardt, for three months in Zaire. Kim came to Zaire to help with the mission work. She was suprised to run into another LeTourneau Grad, DICK TERNING (AT '80). Jerry and Dick are both with MAF. LeTourneau Alums are everywhere!

ANDREW (HI '82) and CONNIE FLAGG have been appointed missionaries to Mexico with the Southern Baptist Convention. Their address will be Apdo 5-362, Guadalajara, Jalisco, 45000 Mexico. The Flagg's have one child, Andrea, and are expecting another child soon.

MEMORIES

50's

JOHN (IS '53) and ESTHER DEURWAARDER wrote from Vancouver, Washington about John's memories of LeTourneau Technical Institute. "LeTourneau has been one of my life's greatest experiences back in those days. My wife and I were then Dorm Monitors of such and what an experience that was with all those young fellows in those days. I thank the Lord for every moment spent with the LeTourneaus, especially 'Mom'. I sang with Roy LeTourneau and directed the Youth Crusade which we held often on Saturday nights in the city." At 74 1/2 years old, John is active in church (he still sings), runs a small plastic engraving business and travels around the world.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

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Rear Admiral Richard K. Maughlin (WE/IM'57), left, former Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Six, Washington, D.C., receives the "Most Seapower Presentations Award for a REDCOM" from the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Carlisle A. H. Trost. Seapower presentations involve Navy personnel speaking to church, civic and youth groups in the civilian community. These presentations illustrate U.S. excellence in men and machinery and the Navy's flexible ability in the defense of the freedom of the seas. The speakers explain why and how the Navy protects the nation's interests at strategic points throughout the world. (U.S. Navy photo)

Leap Program Going Well

The new L.E.A.P. Program (LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals) is off to a good start with four classes begun and several more planned. According to Don Connors, L.E.A.P. Director, new classes will begin in late January in Longview and Tyler and in early February in Dallas.

"We are pleased with the favorable public response to the L.E.A.P. Program," said Connors. "It has been overwhelmingly positive and to date several hundred inquiries have been received."

Students enrolled in the L.E.A.P. Program meet one night a week from 6 to 10 p.m. The L.E.A.P. Program is designed for adult professionals who have a full-time job and have completed 60 or more hours of college credit but have no four-year degree.

Students take a 43-credit-hour, 16-course core sequence over an 18-month period.

Graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management upon successful completion of all requirements.

"The L.E.A.P. Program is ideal for students who wish to advance their status, sense of accomplishment, level of education and/or career," said Connors.

A unique feature of the Program is that students can complete a four-year degree in about half the time of a traditional evening degree program.

"The L.E.A.P. Program also offers area employers in business and industry a unique opportunity to help their employees advance their education and receive business training while still maintaining their full-time employment status," he said.

"The Program also fits the University's service orientation as a vital component of the institutional mission," he added.

For more information about the L.E.A.P. Program, call (214) 753-0231 or 1-800-759-8811.

Marsh Aims for Return Trip to World Series

LeTourneau University Baseball Coach Bob Marsh is anxious to hear the first cry of "Play Ball!" this spring due to the outstanding talent represented on the 1990 Yellow Jacket team. Marsh had a tremendous recruiting year which includes eight freshmen and three transfers. Freshman Jimmy Jackson (Tatum) was an All East Texas high school standout and will fill a key role this spring.

"Jimmy has all the tools necessary to be extremely successful," said Marsh. "He runs well, has a strong arm, and is aggressive at the plate." Jackson has been moved into the infield at shortstop this fall and has progressed rapidly.

Marsh, who hopes to record his 100th win this spring since coming to LeTourneau in 1984, is tremendously high on his three transfer players — Mark Young (Chester, Texas), Scott Binagia (High Island, Texas) and Joe Santee (Parker, Texas). Young was an All State player at Chester High School in both his junior and senior year and transferred from East Texas Baptist University, where he hit over 400 as a freshman.

"Mark has all the tools! He runs well, has an outstanding arm and hits the ball with authority," said Marsh. Young figures to be a mainstay of the pitching staff this spring and will also start in the outfield when not pitching.

Binagia also transferred from East Texas Baptist and will start at third base for Marsh. Scott has outstanding hands, a good, accurate throwing arm and is a good spray hitter to all fields. Scott can also play anywhere in the infield and will be invaluable as the season progresses.

Santee transferred from Texas A & M University and will see action at third base and in right field. Joe has a cannon for an arm and if his hitting continues to improve, will play a vital role for the Yellow Jackets this spring.

Leading the team this season will be co-captains Dan Robey (Longview), Ron Cole (Kilgore), Aaron James (Albany, Wash.) and Dan Rose (Blue Hill, Neb.).

Robey was a 1989 NCCAA All American last year and turned in some impressive statistics, including 41 of 43 in stolen base attempts and a .420 batting average. "Danny has the ability to place tremendous pressure on the other teams' defense. He can do so many things so well and we sure have a lot of fun watching him run. Everything he hits is an adventure," said Marsh.

Robey will be hard-pressed to repeat last year's performance but Marsh feels anything is possible with lots of hard work.

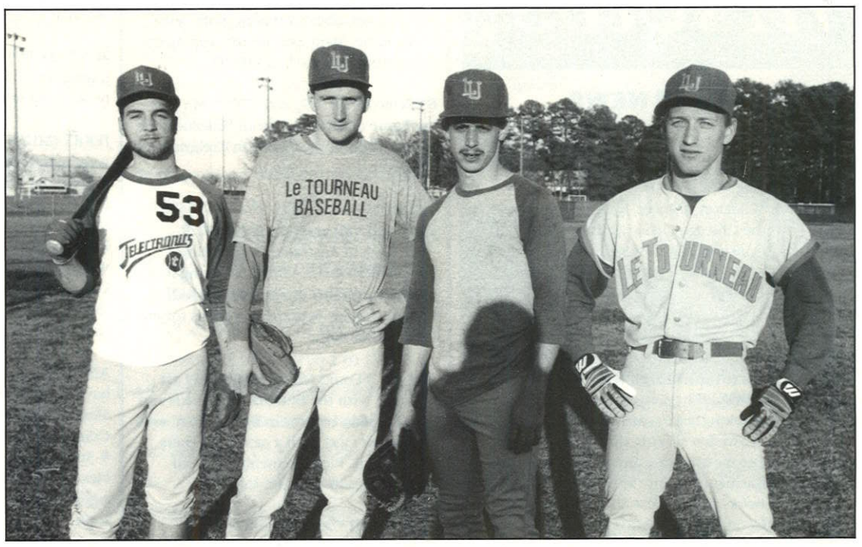
Cole hit .380 last year as a freshman and the lefthander was also 2-0 as a starting pitcher. "Ronnie was our most consistent pitcher this fall and we expect big things from him this spring,"said Marsh. "He had a good fall at the plate and is our most improved hitter." Cole also was named All District in 1989.

James is a gutsy senior southpaw who will have to have a good spring if the 'Jackets are going to return to South Bend, Ind. for the NCCAA World Series for the sixth year in a row.

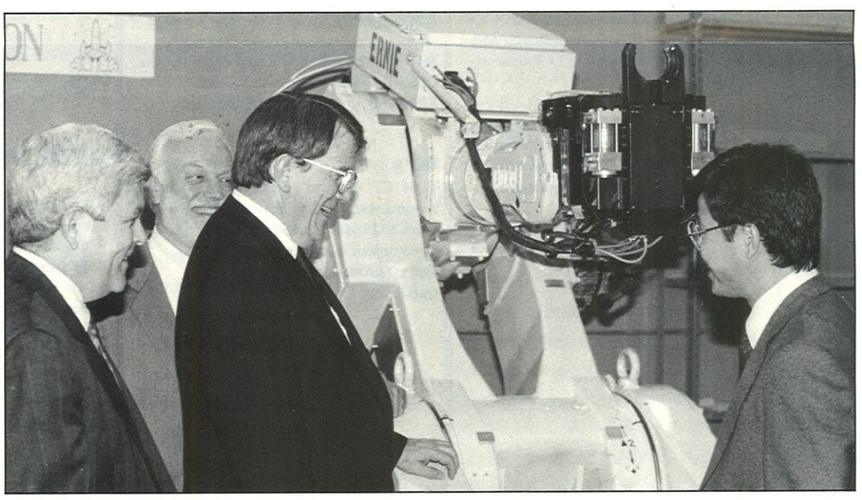
James broke his arm a day before the season opened and still returned to pitch in five games last year. "Aaron is a pitcher!" said Marsh. "He can throw the curve, slider, change-up, you name it . . .and he can blow the fastball right by you."

Rose is a scrappy outfielder who has been among team leaders in stolen bases in his three previous seasons under Marsh. Danny has tremendous heart and will have to contribute in a big way offensively this spring to the Yellow Jackets.

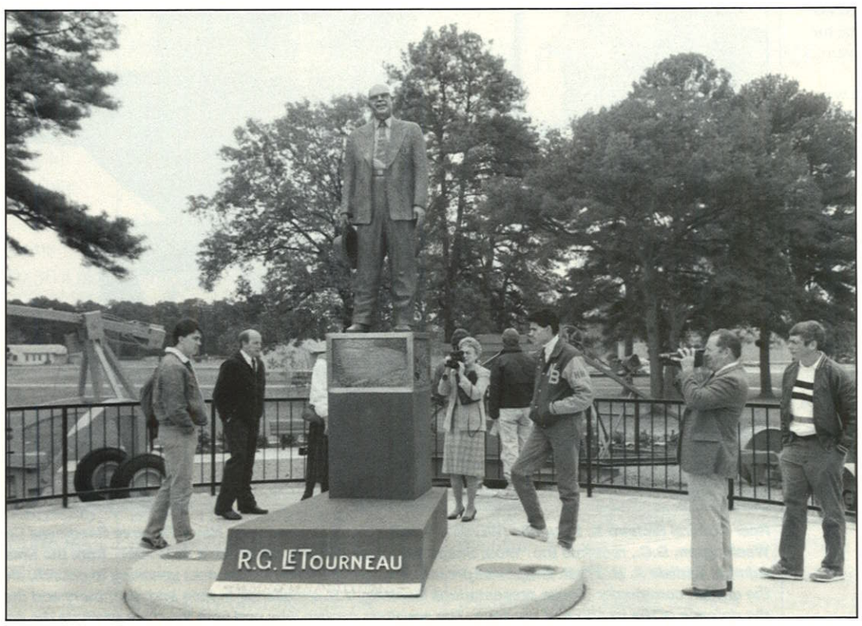
Marsh is excited about the excellent prospects for a very successful spring campaign. "We had a super fall and we've worked hard in the weight room since November," he said. "We have more team speed than any other team I've coached and people might just be calling us the 'East Texas Bandits' by the time May rolls around," he predicted. "Our pitching is as strong as any staff we've ever had, and if we can stay away from injuries, get your tickets early," he concluded.



L. to r., Dan Rose, Ron Cole, Dan Robey, and Aaron James are the co-captains for the 1990 Yellow Jackets.



Top executives from Sundstrand Corporation were on campus Feb. 7 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and robotics demonstration. Sundstrand donated a $2.1 million robotics manufacturing system to Educational Assistance Ltd. last year and LeTourneau University acquired the system from EAL in exchange for an agreement to provide $500,000 in scholarship assistance each year in the name of Sundstrand.



The R. G. LeTourneau Memorial Park was dedicated Nov. 30 during Founder's Day ceremonies.

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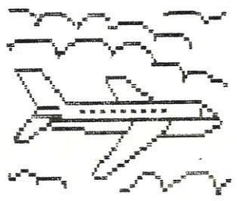

TOURS FOR 1990

Tickets are limited for the 1990 Passion Play in Oberammergau, West Germany. Make your reservation now while we still have room. Call 1-800-759-8811 and ask for Georgie Willcox for full details, or write for a colorful brochure of the following tours: TOUR I — Grand Tour of Europe, July 13-27. Includes Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and West Germany (and the Passion Play). A comprehensive tour.

TOUR II — Romantic Road of Europe and the Alpine Areas, July 31 - August 13. Includes West Germany, Austria and Switzerland (and the Passion Play). A leisurely tour.

Also available are two outstanding mission tours for those wanting to know more about what goes on in the mission field, including sightseeing:

TOUR III — Ecuador, July 7-21. Visit HCBJ operations in Quito and enjoy sightseeing in this beautiful country.

TOUR IV — African Missions, May 19 - June 3. Egypt and Kenya (African safari, too.) Visit several mission churches in Nairobi, Kenya.

For more information, call or write Special Programs, LeTourneau University, P.O. Box 7001, Longview, TX 75607, 1-800-759-8811.